National Trust for Mentally Retarded Persons

1925. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of mentally retarded persons in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to set up a national trust for the welfare of the mentally retarded persons;

(c) if so, by when;

(d) the steps taken in the matter; and

(e) what are the other measures proposed to be adopted for mentally retarded persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) In the year 1991 the National Sample Survey Organisation conducted a survey of children with developmental delays in the age group of 1 to 14 years. State-wise distribution is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 53].

(b) to (d) The National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999 has been enacted w.e.f. 30th December, 1999. Section 3(1) of the Act provides for the constitution of the Trust with effect from such date as the Central Government may by notification appoint. Action to set up the Trust has already been initiated.

(e) The various programmes under the purview of the Trust will inter-alia include (a) promoting independent living in the community, (b) counselling and training of family members; (c) setting up adult training units, individual and group homes, (d) programmes for respite care, foster family care or day care service; (e) setting up of residential hostels and residential homes and (f) development of self help groups.

Report on Accounts and Financial Matters of PWB

1926. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of report of M/S Charnalia & Company in respect of accounts and financial matters of Punjab Wakf Board;